

in the State of Utah, 1945 and 1946 to be spent in western Nevada and eastern Oregon and Washington, and 1947 to be devoted to a final round-up of the entire intermountain area.

The two institutions are to share equally in all collections, and while the writing of the proposed floras becomes jointly the responsibility of both, the publication of the Manual for Utah is to be largely the responsibility of the Utah State Agricultural College, while the publication of the Flora of the Intermountain Region is to be mainly the responsibility of the New York Botanical Garden. This region, which has never been adequately or completely treated floristically, is the only major physiographic area of the country that has not heretofore come under the influence of the Botanical Garden, and it is the region perhaps least known botanically.

A VISITING PROFESSOR TO CHINA

DR. GEORGE B. CRESSEY, as already reported in *SCIENCE*, has been appointed a visiting professor in China by the Department of State, and concurrently will serve as representative in China of the National Academy of Sciences. He is leaving for Chungking this month and will return to the United States next summer.

The appointment is a part of the program of the department of cultural relations, and is designed to strengthen the ties between the United States and China. Professor Cressey will visit and lecture at various Chinese universities and research centers in order to bring the greetings of American scientists to their Chinese colleagues. Most Chinese universities have been obliged to take refuge in the interior and are seriously in need of contact with the outside world. Although it is impossible to send books and apparatus, the Department of State has arranged to forward

microfilm copies of professional publications from the United States.

Professor Cressey has been chairman of the department of geology and geography at Syracuse University since 1931, and is on leave for this assignment. Prior to 1931 he taught at the University of Shanghai. He is the author of "China's Geographic Foundations" and a new volume entitled "Asia's Lands and Peoples." Professor Cressey is also chairman of the Committee on Asiatic Geography of the National Research Council, and is one of the recognized authorities in his field. He served as consultant to the Chinese Government in 1934 and to the Soviet Government in 1937.

THE AUTUMN MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

THE autumn general meeting of the American Philosophical Society will be held on November 19 and 20, beginning at 10 A.M. on Friday, November 19. For guests invited by the society and for members from a distance the society will, as usual, meet the regular hotel charges for rooms during the period of the meeting and for such meals as are not otherwise provided for by the society. Those desiring such accommodations should notify the society as soon as possible.

On Friday morning, November 19, there will be papers chiefly by recipients of grants from the research funds. The afternoon and Saturday morning sessions will be devoted to a "Symposium on the Organization, Direction and Support of Research." On Friday evening, President James B. Conant, of Harvard University, will speak on "The Advancement of Learning in the United States in the Post-War World." This will be followed by a reception. Before the open session on Saturday morning, there will be an executive session of the members of the society.

L. P. EISENHART,
Executive Officer

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE Manly Memorial Medal of the Society of Automotive Engineers was presented at the Los Angeles meeting to John Dolza and Harry C. Karcher, of the Allison Division, Indianapolis, of the General Motors Company, in recognition of their work on "Correlation of Ground and Altitude Performance of Oil Systems." The award was established in 1928 to honor Charles M. Manly, designer of the forerunner of modern radial airplane engines.

DR. EDWIN B. HART, professor of agricultural chemistry at the University of Wisconsin, was a special guest and the main speaker at a dinner given by the division of agricultural and food chemistry of the American Chemical Society in connection with the one hundred and sixth annual meeting, which was held at Pittsburgh from September 6 to 10.

DR. ROBERT M. GATES, president of the Air Preheater Corporation, New York, has been elected president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He succeeds Harold W. Coes, of New York. The joint meeting with the Engineering Institute of Canada opened at Toronto for three days on September 30.

EDMUND L. DUNN, of Boston, president of the New England Fish Exchange, was elected president of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission at the annual meeting recently held at Philadelphia.

THE Western Reserve University Chapter of the Society of Sigma Xi has elected the following officers for 1943: J. C. Gray, *President*; Normand L. Hoerr, *Vice-president*; R. F. Hanzal, *Treasurer*, and Helen A. Hunscher, *Secretary*.